

# News Release

## New Jersey Meadowlands Commission



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## NJMC Moves Forward with New Transportation Role

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission’s Board of Commissioners today approved measures that will create a comprehensive transportation plan for the Meadowlands District and help the agency create transportation solutions that support the regional economy. The plan is required by the Hackensack Meadowlands Transportation Planning Act, which was signed into law by Acting Governor Richard J. Codey in June.

“Today, the NJMC is launching a new era in which this agency not only fosters balanced community growth through zoning regulations, but also plays a direct role supporting the District’s critical transportation infrastructure.” said NJMC Chairman and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Acting Commissioner Charles Richman. “Sound planning cannot occur without proper transportation networks and targeting resources at real solutions. We’re now traveling down the right tracks.”

The Meadowlands Transportation Planning Act established a Hackensack Meadowlands Transportation Planning District, which covers the lands of the Meadowlands District under the jurisdiction of the NJMC. The District-wide transportation plan will designate future transportation projects needed to sustain future economic growth. It will take into account the potential impact of anticipated Master Plan build-out, and will be re-evaluated when new developments are proposed. The NJMC’s Board of Commissioners has allocated \$500,000 for the District-wide plan and the initial steps to bring it to fruition through the Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation (MAGNET) program. The remainder will come from a fund accumulated from impact fees. The plan is expected to be complete before the Fall of 2006.

“This plan will allow the NJMC to be proactive against potential traffic problems in the Meadowlands District,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “We are now on the cusp of being able to approach land use questions from every angle.”

The plan will build on previous work by the NJMC to develop a Meadowlands Mobility 2030 document, in conjunction with the new Meadowlands Master Plan and zoning regulations, laying out pending improvements to this key region’s infrastructure.

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